

COMPENDIUM

Listing of Special Regulations for SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

2006

Under the provisions of Title 16, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, the following Superintendent's Orders (Compendium) are established for the proper management, protection, and public use of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

These regulations apply in addition to the criminal laws of the United States and the regulations contained in Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. A person convicted of violating a provision of these regulations shall not be punished by a fine exceeding \$5,000 or by imprisonment exceeding six months, or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all costs of the proceedings.

This Compendium in no way restricts or limits the authority of the Superintendent to otherwise place, at any time, further short term restrictions or closures on any use or activity for public and employee safety, natural and cultural resource management and protection, maintenance, or any other administrative activity.

Please send any written comments to: Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 Front Street, Empire, Mi 49630, and ATTN: Chief Ranger.

If you would like further information, please visit the Lakeshore website at www.nps.gov/SLBE or contact the Lakeshore Office at (231) 326-5134 or e-mail: Larry_Johnson@nps.gov.

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INTRODUCTION

A. What is the Superintendent's Compendium?

The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent's Compendium is the summary of park specific rules implemented under the discretionary authority of the park Superintendent. It serves as public notice with an opportunity for public comment, identifies areas closed for public use, provides a list of activities requiring either a special use permit or reservation, and elaborates on those public use and resource protection regulations that pertain to the specific administration of the park. It does not contain those regulations found in 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and other United States Codes (U.S.C.) and CFR Titles which are enforced without further elaboration at the park level.

The regulations contained in 36 CFR Parts 1-7 are the basic mechanism used by the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the park and to protect visitors and property within the park. Parts 1 through 6 are general regulations applicable to all areas of the National Park System, and Part 7 contains special regulations specific to individual parks. Each of these Parts has many sections and subsections articulating specific provisions. Within some of these Part 1-7 sections and subsections, the Superintendent is granted discretionary authority to develop local rules to be responsive to the needs of a specific park resource or activity, park plan, program, and/or special needs of the general public.

As an example, 36 CFR 1.5(a) *Closures and Public Use Limits* provides the Superintendent certain discretion in allowing or disallowing certain activities. The authority granted by this Section, however, requires the Superintendent to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act (5 USC Section 551) which requires public notice on actions with major impact on visitor use patterns, park resources or those that are highly controversial in nature.

Another example is 36 CFR 1.6 *Permits*, which allows the Superintendent to require a permit for certain uses and activities in the park. This Section, however, requires that a list of activities needing a permit (and a fee schedule for the various types of permits) be maintained by the park.

A final example is 36 CFR 2.1(c)(1) *Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources*, which provides the Superintendent the authority to designate certain fruits, nuts or unoccupied seashells which may be gathered by hand for personal use. This activity can occur, however, only if a written determination shows that the allowed activity does not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

This compendium should be used in conjunction with 36 CFR, Sections 1-7 to more fully understand the regulations governing the use and enjoyment of all the areas of the National Park System.

A copy of 36 CFR can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office at:

Superintendent of Documents

P.O. Box 371954
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

Or by calling: (202) 512-1800

The Code of Federal Regulations is also available on the internet at:
<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/#cfr>.

B. What laws and policies allow the Superintendent to develop this Compendium?

The NPS is granted broad statutory authority in 16 U.S.C. Section 1 *et seq.* (National Park Service Organic Act of 1916, as amended) to ". . . regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations . . . by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purposes of the said parks . . . which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment for future generations" (16 U.S.C. Section 1). In addition, the Organic Act allows the NPS, through the Secretary of the Interior, to "make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the use and management of the parks, monuments, and reservations under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service" (16 U.S.C. Section 3).

In 1970, Congress amended the NPS Organic Act to clarify its intentions as to the overall mission of the NPS. Through the General Authorities Act of 1970 (16 U.S.C. Sections 1a1 - 1a8), Congress brought all areas administered by the NPS into one National Park System and directed the NPS to manage all areas under its administration consistent with the Organic Act of 1916.

In 1978, Congress amended the General Authorities Act of 1970 and reasserted System wide the high standard of protection defined in the original Organic Act by stating "Congress further reaffirms, declares, and directs that the promotion and regulation of the various areas of the National Park System, as defined by Section 1 of this Title, shall be consistent with and founded in the purpose established by Section 1 of this Title, to the common benefit of all people of the United States."

16 U.S.C. Section 1c defines the National Park System as ". . . any areas of land and water now or hereafter administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the National Park Service for park, monument, historic, parkway, recreational, or other purposes."

36 CFR Section 1.7(b) requires the Superintendent to compile in writing all the designations, closures, permit requirement, and other restrictions imposed under discretionary authority. This compilation, called the Superintendent's Compendium, shall be updated annually and made available to the public upon request.

In addition to the above statutory authority, the Superintendent is also guided by established NPS policy as found in the *NPS Management Policies* (2001). As stated in this policy document, the primary responsibility of the NPS is to protect and preserve our national natural and cultural resources while providing for the enjoyment of these resources by visitors and other users, as long as use does not impair specific park resources or overall visitor experience. The appropriateness of any particular visitor use or recreational experience is resource based and will vary from park to park; therefore, a use or activity that is appropriate in one park area may not be appropriate in another. Each park Superintendent is directed to analyze overall park use and determine if any particular use is appropriate. Where conflict arises between use and resource protection, where the Superintendent has a basis to believe a resource is or would become impaired, then that Superintendent is obliged to place limitations on public use.

C. Does this Compendium comply with applicable Federal law and requirements?

The Superintendent's Compendium is not considered a significant rule requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. In addition, this Compendium does not have a significant economic effect on a number of small entities nor impose a significant cost on any local, state or tribal government or private organization and therefore does not fall under the requirements of either the Regulatory Flexibility Act or the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

Nothing in this Compendium requires review as a water resources project in compliance with Section 7 of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

In compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, the NPS has determined that the implementation of this Compendium will not adversely affect any federally listed threatened or endangered species, or designated critical habitat.

The actions and requirements described in this Compendium are found to be categorically excluded from compliance with the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Department of the Interior (DOI) Guidelines 516 DM 6 and as such an Environmental Assessment will not be prepared.

D. How are the requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium developed?

As outlined above, the NPS has broad authority and responsibility to determine what types of uses and activities are appropriate in any particular National Park System area. The requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium are developed through an analysis and determination process for that particular NPS area. The decision criteria used during this process are:

- Is the use or activity consistent with the National Park Service Organic Act and NPS policy?
- Is the use or activity consistent and compatible with the park's enabling legislation, management objectives, and corresponding management plans?
- Will the use or activity damage or impair the park's protected natural and cultural resources and other protected values?
- Will the use or activity disturb or be in conflict with wildlife, vegetation, and environmental protection actions and values?
- Will the use or activity conflict with or be incompatible with traditional park uses and activities?
- Will the use or activity compromise employee or public safety?

E. Where does this Compendium apply?

The regulations contained in this Compendium apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise within the boundaries of federally owned lands and waters administered by the NPS as part of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. This includes all water subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including all navigable waters and areas within their ordinary reach (up to the ordinary high water mark) without regard to the ownership of the submerged lands or lowlands.

You can find this information on the park map, available at any park office or visitor contact station.

F. Who enforces the requirements of this Compendium?

Only NPS Law Enforcement Park Rangers can enforce the requirements of the United States Code, CFR Titles, and this Superintendent's Compendium. However, many Federal laws and regulations have similar statutes found in State and local law. Many of the requirements of this Compendium complement existing State and local law and regulations which are also in effect within the park and enforced by State and local law enforcement officers.

G. Is there a penalty for not adhering to the requirements found in this Compendium?

A person who violates any provision of the regulations found in 36 CFR Parts 1-7, along with this compendium, is subject to a fine as provided by law (18 U.S.C. 3571) up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months (18 U.S.C. 3559), or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all court costs associated with any court proceedings. You may receive a list of fines associated with any particular provision by contacting the Chief Ranger at the park address found below.

H. How do I provide comment on this Compendium?

The park welcomes comments about its programs and activities at any time. Comments specific to the Superintendent's Compendium will be accepted anytime. Any changes to this Compendium recommended by the public or others, and accepted by the Superintendent, will be incorporated into this compendium without further public comment and review.

Please send any written comments to:

Superintendent
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore
9922 Front Street
Empire, MI 49630
ATT: Superintendent's Compendium

Or e-mail your comments to: SLBE_Ranger_Activities@nps.gov. Please title the subject box: Superintendent's Compendium.

I. When will the 2006 Compendium become effective?

The 2005 Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent's Compendium will become effective on January 1, 2006 and remain in effect until superseded.

J. Is there anything else I need to know about this compendium?

Some of the terms used in this Compendium may be unclear to you. If you are unsure about a specific term please consult 36 CFR 1.4 *Definitions*. Terms that may be unique to this Compendium will be defined.

K. Where may I find a copy of this Compendium once it is approved?

Copies of the Compendium are available at park Headquarters. Hours of operation vary. Please call ahead of time to ensure the facility is open.

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Headquarters
9922 Front Street
Empire, MI 49630
(231)326-5134

The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Superintendent's Compendium may also be found on the Lakeshore web site at: www.nps.gov/SLBE.

PART 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Are there any closures or public use limits imposed within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore?

Section 1.5 - Closures and Public Use Limits

Section 1.5(a)(1)

General Public Use

All public use in any area closed by the Superintendent and identified with an official sign as closed is prohibited.

Park campgrounds, or sections of park campgrounds may be closed, when there is limited maintenance staff, low visitation, lack of funds to allow for re-vegetation and recovery, or weather. In addition, areas may be temporarily closed for a variety of reasons including site restoration, protection of at risk endangered or threatened animal and plant species, and protection of fragile cultural and historic sites.

Entry into any posted nesting area located anywhere in the park is prohibited from May 1 through September 15, or as posted.

Entry into the Empire Park Maintenance area is limited to NPS employees, FAA and/or Air Force employees and their authorized agents, and delivery and service personnel for the above listed agencies.

Only authorized personnel are allowed to fire weapons on the Park Firearms Range.

Ground blinds may be built with natural dead or downed material, but must be dismantled within seven days after the close of the hunting season. When dismantling ground blinds the area must be returned to its natural setting.

The dragging of boards, sleds, or other platforms loaded with equipment or supplies, is prohibited on non-snow covered trails.

Boating Restrictions

The following lakes and streams are closed to use of all (electric or gasoline-powered) motorized vessels in accordance with National Park Service wilderness management policies and/or Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore management policies:

Benzie County -

Bass Lake

Deer Lake

Otter Lake

Otter Creek

Round Lake

Leelanau County -

Florence Lake (South Manitou Island)
Hidden Lake
Lake Manitou (North Manitou Island)
Narada Lake
North Bar Lake
Shalda Creek
Shell Lake
Tamarack Lake (North Manitou Island)
Tucker Lake

The following non-wilderness interior lakes, streams and rivers, are designated as No Wake zones for all motorized vessels.

Benzie County

Loon Lake
Platte River

Leelanau County

Bass Lake
Crystal River
School Lake

The temporary mooring of private boats to National Park Service docks located on the Manitou Islands is limited to thirty minutes from May 1st through November 20th.

The temporary mooring of private boats to the Platte River Picnic Area boardwalk, and to the Loon Lake dock is limited to one hour.

Climbing upon, or the mooring of vessels to the shipwreck Francisco Morazan is prohibited.

Personal Watercraft

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is closed to personal watercraft activity, which include the following areas:

The waters of Lake Michigan within ¼ mile of the shoreline surrounding both North and South Manitou Islands.

The waters of Lake Michigan within ¼ mile of the mainland.

All inland lakes within the National Lakeshore.

The waters from the mid-point of the body of water to the National Park Service property on Bass Lake, Crystal River, Shalda Creek, Platte River, Loon Lake, and Otter Creek. The waters of Little Glen Lake between the closure buoys and the shoreline at the NPS picnic area.

Dunes

The use of skis, skiboards, sleds, toboggans, saucer sleds, inflatable tubes or similar equipment on sand dunes is prohibited except at the Dune Climb when it is covered by snow and within the designated area. However, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are permitted on all snow-covered trails and/or dunes of the Lakeshore.

For the protection of fragile dune vegetation such as dune grass, activities other than walking, such as beach fires, sports and games or sunbathing, are prohibited on vegetated areas of sand dunes.

Entry into any posted closed or rehabilitation area located anywhere in the park is prohibited. The following areas are closed to entry and visitor use for the protection and rehabilitation of fragile dune grasses and sand dune formations:

The dune area between the posted closure signs between North Bar Lake and Lake Michigan.

That area behind the posted closure signs between the North Manitou Island boat dock and the boat house.

Glass beverage and food containers

All glass containers are prohibited at any lake, river, stream and associated shoreline, and any beach or dune area used for sunbathing, swimming, wading, or climbing including the Dune Climb.

Hunting

The following Park facilities are closed to hunting, which includes a 450 foot (137 meter) safety zone. The safety zone is defined as the area beginning at the edge or exterior boundary of any road, site or development and extending outward for 450 feet (137 meters).

- Platte River Campground
- D.H. Day Campground
- White Pine Backcountry campsites
- Valley View Backcountry campsites
- Group Campground near Dune Climb
- Village Campground on North Manitou
- Weather Station, Bay and Popple
- Campgrounds on South Manitou
- Village area on North Manitou
- Village area on South Manitou
- Dune Climb
- Duneside Accessible Trail
- Stocking Scenic Drive, when open to traffic
- Glen Lake Picnic Area
- Good Harbor Picnic Area

Vehicles

The Stocking Scenic Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic each year when there is limited maintenance staff, visitation, and/or lack of funds. It will also be closed when weather conditions make travel hazardous for motor vehicles.

Bus idling is prohibited except while loading or unloading passengers anywhere in the park.

Wilderness

As outlined in the 1979 General Management Plan, proposed in the 1981 Wilderness Recommendation, and authorized by Congress in the Act of October 22, 1982, 96 Stat. 1724, 16 U.S.C.460x-15., the areas identified on the mainland, North and South Manitou Islands shall be administered so as to maintain their wilderness character and potential for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System.

Therefore, in accordance with the Sleeping Bear Dunes Act and the Wilderness Act and subject to existing State, County, township and private rights, the use of mechanized equipment, motor vehicles, motor boats, wheeled devices and the landing of aircraft in the proposed wilderness areas is prohibited (except as necessary to meet minimum National Park Service administrative requirements and/or emergency situations). Exception: During the North Manitou Island Deer Management Hunt, one or two-wheeled hand carts no wider than 28 inches, with wheel diameters no larger than 26 inches, may be used to transport gear and harvested deer. Maps showing the proposed wilderness areas of the park are available at Park Headquarters in Empire, Michigan.

Do I need a permit to participate in certain activities?

Yes. Permits are required as listed below.

Section 1.6 - Permits

Section 1.6(f)

The following activities originating and/or terminating within the park boundary require a written permit:

Special Use Permits

Deer hunt - North Manitou – 36 CFR 2.2

Research specimen collection -36 CFR 2.5

Camping/Backcountry use - 36 CFR 2.10

Recreation User Fee – 36 CFR 2.23

Soliciting -36 CFR 2.37

Special events* - 36 CFR 2.50

*includes flying of radio-controlled gliders.

Public assembly – 36 CFR 2.51

Sale of printed material – 36 CFR 2.52

Hang gliding – 36 CFR 7.80

Commercial Permits

Load, weight, and size limits (house movers) - 36 CFR 4.11

Commercial activities – 36 CFR 5.1- 5.14
 Business operations – 36 CFR 5.3
 Commercial vehicles – 36 CFR 5.6
 Construction of bldg./facility – 36 CFR 5.7

Engaging in any of the above activities without a permit is prohibited.

PART 2 - RESOURCE PROTECTION, PUBLIC USE AND RECREATION

May I collect and keep natural, cultural and/or archeological resources found in the park?

No. The resources of the Lakeshore are to remain unimpaired for future generations. There are a few exceptions with restrictions listed below.

Section 2.1 - Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources

Section 2.1(a)(4) - Firewood

Down and dead wood, including driftwood, is designated for collection for fuel in campgrounds, beach fires, and at backcountry campsites except that wood found in all dune "ghost forest" areas is to be left undisturbed. Only dead and down wood, from within the cleared portion of road rights-of-way, may be removed for use outside the Park.

Section 2.1(c)(1) - Gathering and use of fruits, berries, nuts, or unoccupied mussel shells

The following may be gathered for personal use and consumption, limited to the listed daily maximum quantities.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Daily Quantity Allowed/Person</u> U.S. Measure/Metric Eq.
Apples	one bu./35 liters
Asparagus	one gal./4 liters
Blackberries	one gal./4 liters
Black walnuts	one gal./4 liters
Blueberries	one gal./4 liters
Chokecherries	one gal./4 liters
Elderberries	one gal./4 liters
Serviceberries	one gal./4 liters
Mushrooms (edible, any species)	one gal./4 liters
Pears	one bu./35 liters
Plums	one gal./4 liters
Raspberries	one gal./4 liters
Rhubarb	one gal./4 liters
Rose hips	one gal./4 liters
Sand cherries	one gal./4 liters
Peaches	one gal./4 liters
Strawberries	one gal./4 liters

Grapes one gal./4 liters

The collection of wildflowers is prohibited.

May I hunt and/or trap in the park?

Trapping in the park is prohibited. Hunting is allowed in accordance with Michigan State laws and regulations, and with certain restrictions listed below.

Section 2.2 - Wildlife Protection

Section 2.2(b)(1) - Hunting and Trapping

The baiting of deer on North Manitou Island is prohibited.

The following Park facilities are closed to hunting, which includes a 450 foot (137 meter) safety zone. The safety zone is defined as the area beginning at the edge or exterior boundary of any road, site or development and extending outward for 450 feet (137 meters).

- Platte River Campground
- D.H. Day Campground
- White Pine Backcountry campsites
- Valley View Backcountry campsites
- Group Campground near Dune Climb
- Village Campground on North Manitou
- Weather Station, Bay and Popple
- Campgrounds on South Manitou
- Village area on North Manitou
- Village area on South Manitou
- Dune Climb
- Duneside Accessible Trail
- Stocking Scenic Drive (when open to traffic)
- Glen Lake Picnic Area
- Good Harbor Picnic Area

May I fish in the park?

Yes. Fishing in the park is allowed in accordance with applicable Federal and state laws and regulations, with the following special condition:

Section 2.3(d)(8) - Fishing from docks.

Fishing is permitted from the public docks on the Manitou Islands providing it does not interfere with the safe and orderly landing of vessels or the safe and orderly management of other authorized activities.

May I camp in the park?

Yes. Camping is allowed only at designated locations on the mainland and on South Manitou Island. North Manitou provides for wilderness camping. Permits are required for all camping; size of groups is limited as listed below.

Section 2.10 - Camping and food storage

A campsite must be occupied by the individual registered for the campsite on the date(s) of occupancy.

After registering for a campsite, campers may not change sites without notifying campground rangers.

There is a camping limit of 14 total calendar days from Friday of the Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Benches and picnic tables are not to be moved out of the campsite, or to/from community fire ring areas.

Campground size/use limits are as follows:

Mainland Campgrounds

D.H. Day and Platte River Campground campers must register upon arrival. Campers wishing to extend their stay must re-register before 8:00 p.m. of the day before the camping permit expires. Checkout time is 12:00 noon.

D.H. Day	No more than six campers may occupy a site. Only one truck camper or one camp-trailer or one motor home, and up to two tents are allowed on each site.
	No more than two passenger vehicles, OR four motorcycles are allowed per site.
Platte River	Not more than six persons will be permitted on each site. Only one truck camper or one camper trailer or one motor home will be permitted on each site and must stay on paved surfaces. Tents must stay inside pads.
Group Sites	Limited to 7 – 25 people per site. Tent camping only
White Pine	2 tents/site No more than 4 people per site
Valley View	2 tents/site No more than 4 people per site

South Manitou Island

South Manitou campers must vacate their campsite on the day of their departure by 11:30 A.M., to allow incoming campers optimum campsite selection.

Bay, Weather Station and Popple	2 tents/site No more than 4 people per site
Bay and Weather Station Group Sites*	Limited to 5 - 20 persons/site, and a max. of 10 tents/site

*Groups in excess of 20 may not register for two sites in the same campground on South Manitou Island.

North Manitou Island

On North Manitou island, camping is allowed island-wide, using wilderness camping techniques which include: using a compact gas/alcohol cooking stove, pack out all trash, no tent trenching, and other minimum impact methods.

Village Campground 2 tents/site No more than 4 people per site

Backcountry 2 tents/permit No more than 4 people per permit
Camping

Group back-country camping on NMI limited to 10 persons per permit.

On North Manitou Island, camping is prohibited at the following locations:

In the 27 acre (11 hectare) village

Within 300 feet (90 meters) of water resources (lakes, ponds and streams).

Within 300 feet(90 meters) of Lake Michigan high water mark, other campsites, and buildings, including historic farm structures.

Camping is prohibited on any trail.

All campers must properly store all food and garbage in a manner that prevents access by animals.

May I use generators in the campgrounds of the park?

Yes, with the restrictions listed below.

Section 2.12 - Audio disturbances

Generator use is prohibited in the Platte River Campground.

Generator use is permitted in the D.H. Day Campground sites 1 through 31, and is only allowed between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. at those sites.

May I have a fire in the park?

Yes. Open fires including charcoal fires, may be lit and maintained only at the locations listed.

Section 2.13 - Fires

Section 2.13(a)(1) - Conditions

Campground grills - individual and community type grills installed expressly for open fires.

Any mainland public Lake Michigan beach area between the edge of the water and the toe of the first dune.

All open fires on the Manitou Islands must be contained in a fire ring or grill installed by the National Park Service for this purpose. On South Manitou these are located in the campgrounds and in the Bay area, on the beach. On North Manitou these are located in the Village campground.

Picnic sites - fire ring or grill.

Wood burning stoves are prohibited, except inside tents or shelters during the North Manitou deer hunt.

Hanging lanterns on or against trees is prohibited.

The use of kerosene, gas-fueled or alcohol-fueled lanterns or stoves, candles or other such devices are prohibited on the porch of, and within the D.H. Day Campground Log Cabin.

Section 2.13(b) – Extinguishing Fires

All fires must be extinguished with water -- NOT BURIED.

What do I do with human waste in backcountry areas of the park?

Section 2.14 - Sanitation and refuse

Section 2.14(b) - Disposal of human waste

Disposal of human waste where a pit toilet is not provided or available must be buried at least 6 inches under ground and covered with earth.

May I have pets in the park?

Pets are generally permitted within the National Lakeshore EXCEPT in the following areas where they are prohibited:

Section 2.15 - Pets

Major use areas including the Dune Climb, backcountry camp sites, Maritime Museum grounds, group camp sites, posted nesting areas, and other areas where "NO PETS" signs are posted after a determination by the Superintendent that a specific conflict exists requiring such a closure.

North and South Manitou Island. (All pets, including hunting dogs). Trained aid dogs accompanying the blind or hearing impaired are permitted.

651 Beach, south of road access 440 yards (402 meters)

Maritime Museum Grounds and Beach and the beach between the Museum and the posted sign at the Cannery in Glen Haven

Little Glen Lake Picnic Area

North Bar Lake

North Bar Lake Outlet 440 yards (402 meters) north

Esch Beach, south of road access 440 yards (402 meters)

Peterson Beach, south of road access 440 yards (402 meters)

Platte Point Beach (Both sides of the road and the spit 440 yards (402 meters)

The following designated cross country ski trails during the winter months of December 1 through March 31:

Good Harbor Bay

Bay View

Alligator Hill

Shauger Hill

Windy Moraine

Platte Plains Trail System (Including Bass Lake, Otter Creek, Lasso Loop Trails)

Old Indian

Pet excrement from campsites will be disposed of in trash receptacles by the pet owner.

Hunting dogs are not considered pets when used in conjunction with authorized hunting activities during the mainland hunting seasons set by the State of Michigan. Training of hunting dogs in the park is prohibited.

May I ride a horse in the park?

Yes, but only as listed below.

Section 2.16 - Horse and pack animals

At Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore the Alligator Hill Trail system is the only area designated for use by horses.

May I smoke in the park?

Yes, but with certain restrictions.

Section 2.21 - Smoking

Smoking is prohibited in all National Park Service buildings open to the public, including offices, workspace, storage areas, and other facilities.

Smoking is prohibited in all historic structures, including those used as quarters.

Are public assemblies, including demonstrations and other expressions of First Amendment rights allowed in the park?

Yes, but only at the following locations with a valid permit from the Superintendent.

Section 2.51 - Public Assemblies

Section 2.51(e) - Locations and conditions

The following are designated as free speech and printed material distribution areas within the National Lakeshore. They are delineated as follows;

Dune Climb

Permittee(s) may circulate between the curb of the parking lot and the toe of the dune. All visitor contacts are to be at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) from any building and the Duneside Trail.

Glen Lake Picnic Area

Permittee(s) may circulate between the curb of the parking lot and the water's edge. All visitor contacts are to be at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) from any building.

NPS South Parking Lot at end of Lake Michigan Road

Permittee(s) may circulate within the edge of the curb of the parking lot. All visitor contacts are to be at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) from any building.

PART 3 - BOATING AND WATER USE ACTIVITIES

May I swim in the park?

Yes. Swimming is permitted except at the following locations.

Section 3.21 - Swimming and bathing

Between Lake Michigan Road launch ramp and the down stream limit of dredged area at the mouth of the River while boat channel dredge is on site.

From public docks on the Manitou Islands.

Diving from the shipwreck Francisco Morazan is prohibited.

PART 4 - VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC SAFETY

May I drive off-road in the park?

No.

Section 4.10 - Travel on park roads and designated routes

Vehicle use of any type is only permitted on maintained roadways in the park.

Track-laying motor vehicles may be used to remove excess buildings from park land, only after a plan has been submitted and approved by the Superintendent.

Are there speed limits in the park?

Yes. All roads in the park are posted with speed limits, or applicable State speed limits apply to non-posted roads.

Section 4.21- Speed limits

The speed limit on the Stocking Scenic Drive is 20 mph (32 kph), and it is posted.

Can I ride a bicycle in the park?

Yes. Bicycles are allowed in the park on maintained roadways only.

Section 4.30 – Bicycles

The Stocking Scenic Drive bicycle route will follow the right edge of the roadway surface delineated by white striping.

PART 7 - SPECIAL REGULATIONS, AREAS OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Are there any other special regulations pertaining specifically to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore that I need to be aware of?

Yes. Regulations specific to any particular National Park System area are found in 36 CFR Part 7. The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore has two specific regulations found in 36 CFR Part 7, Section 7.80. These regulations deal with restrictions for powerless flight activities and allow fishing a manner authorized under applicable State law. Specific conditions and requirements associated with powerless flight activities are outlined here and in other sections described above.

7.80(a) – Powerless flight

Powerless flight activity requires a permit (reference section 1.6), and it will be allowed from the following designated areas:

Empire Bluff
Pyramid Point
Stocking Scenic Drive (Lake Michigan Overlook)

Dune Climb (Between November 1 and March 31 only)

Powerless flight activity is only approved for hang gliding, paragliding and powerless radio controlled model aircraft. Hot air ballooning is prohibited.

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